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## RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 13, 2006

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 13, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 13, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for the reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/APPM/008244/KMT, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.